

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/763,531
Amendment dated August 18, 2003
Reply to OA of April 16, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Amendments to claims 1, 15, 17 and 21 are proposed herein.

The amendments to the claims address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and the claim objection, as discussed below.

Claims 1-13, 15, 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite (Office action point no. 1).

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the proposed amendments to the claims.

The Examiner has stated that “item (i) in which m and n represent 0 is vague” In the proposed amendment to claim 1, item (i) is deleted, and items (ii) to (ix) are renumbered as items (i) to (viii), respectively.

The Examiner has stated that “in claims 15 and 17-19, the notations L and m should be defined because the claim is dependent claim of claim 14 not claim 1.” In the proposed amendment to claim 15, L and m are redefined referring to formula (II) in claim 14 and the reference to formula (I) is deleted.

In the proposed amendment to claim 17, claim 17 is amended to refer to claim 16 for the definition of general formula (V-1) as well as general formula (V-2). The recitation of the definition of general formula (V-1) in claim 17 is deleted. The amended claim refers to claim 16 for the definition of L.

The proposed amendments to claims 15 and 17 also overcome the rejection of claims 18 and 19.

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Claims 21-24 are objected to under 35 U.S.C. 1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form, because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative way (Office action point no. 2).

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims. In the proposed amendment to claim 21, claim 21 has been amended to be dependent only on claim 1, and as amended is not a multiple dependent claim.

Claims 14, 16, 19 and 20 are allowed (Office action point no. 3).

Applicants submit that the proposed amendments to the claims do not affect the scope of claims 14, 16, 19 and 20.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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